



Coram's Fields 2010

Nursery Building

Design and Access Statement

1. What are the features of the existing site?

The original Foundling Hospital was completed in 1745. The grounds of this hospital that was demolished in 1926 later became Coram's Fields Playground.

The Nursery block received war damage in 1940 and was partially restored in 1946-47. There was further restoration and infilling in 1959-60.

Much of the interior is therefore not original and the proposed alterations and renovation are designed to repair and improve the existing poor internal finishes.

2. How will people in the locality be affected by the proposal?

The building currently accommodates an existing nursery. This use will be continued in the newly refurbished building.

3. Please provide details of the layout of proposed development

The proposal will not change the external appearance of the building. All repairs and alterations will be carried out to match existing within the existing openings.

4. Please provide details of the scale of the proposed development

The proposal will not change the scale of the existing development.

5. Please provide details of the landscaping in the proposed development

A new removable low fence will be installed to designate the nursery play area in lieu of the existing temporary steel barriers.

6. Please provide details of the appearance of the proposed development

The proposal will remain as existing except where repairs are needed. Repairs will be carried out to match existing.

7. Please provide details of how any access issues have been addressed

The existing doors opening onto Coram's Fields playground have level access with the ground. The Guilford Street entrance has one step as existing that cannot be altered.

New openings in the existing walls will allow widened door openings and corridors. There will be internal ramps where needed to link differing floor levels.

The building is single-storey and will not require a lift.